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NOTICE.

T H EATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL,

HONGKONG.

DAVE CARSON'S

We learn from Hankow, under date 25th ultime, that freights had fallen to £2.10 at the same time she would not have gained anything by their carriage, but judgment was entered against the Captain. Bearing out the adage that misfortunes never come singly, Captain Scott has sustained a still further loss, having been robbed of \$75 yesterday under rather peculiar circumstances. He was owing on shore in his sampan, with the purpose of paying off some member of his crew and in consequence had a rather large sum of money with him. Besides several dollars in silver, he had notes amounting to over \$100; these he had in the breast pocket of his coat, and on reaching the landing place he pulled them out in order to get a sum small change to pay the boat hire. He placed the notes on the seat, and leaving the boat hurriedly, forgot them. As soon as he had discovered his loss, which he did shortly after landing, he returned to the boat, and found that the boat people had left. A twenty-five dollar note was found in the boat where he had been sitting, but the balance of \$75 was gone. The thieves had doubtless reasoned that if he returned and found a portion of the money where he had left it, he could hardly presume they had taken it, as if they had done so, they would in all probability have taken the whole amount. However this may be, this was the state of affairs; the boat was taken to the Police Hulk, and Inspector Grimes at once had a man and woman belonging to the boat arrested, and left no stone unturned to get to the bottom of the affair.

The case came before Mr. Creagh to-day, and the Captain's evidence was taken, his vessel being about to leave for Tournon. The prisoners were then remanded until the 12th instant, to enable the police to make further enquiries.

Mr. Dave Carson and his Company gave his second performance at the City Hall last night. The programme was not one of Dave's best, and some disappointment was evinced that he did not appear in his character of "Bengale Baboo," but this representation is promised for the Saturday's entertainment. Fans were considerably distributed in the reserved seats for the use of the audience, and if the performance last night was not so satisfactory as some of those given by Dave, we think some allowance should be made for the dispiriting effect upon a company of having to play before only partly filled benches, with the thermometer registering about eighty-eight. An excellent programme is advertised for Saturday next, and it is to be hoped there will be a good house, to encourage Dave in his efforts to relieve the monotony of the life of foreign residents in this benighted quarter of the globe.

A ROBBERY more remarkable for its impudence than for the amount of property stolen was committed during last night at No. 10 Seymour Terrace. The thief, or thieves, effected an entrance by the upper verandah and removed a dressing-case from within a few inches of the occupant's head, but this was done so quietly that no one in the house stirred. A lady's dressing-table was ransacked, and much effort spent upon one particular drawer, fortunately without success—the bunch of keys tried on this occasion not being on which the proper key had ever been kept. A set of gold studs and sleeve-links were, however, removed from their place, a gold pencil-case was carried off, a Scotch brooch of some value was appropriated, and a fine opera glass changed hands. The gang at present at work in various parts of the Colony is evidently composed of rascals of the most finished kind—veritable masters who have graduated in all the arts and mysteries of the thief and burglar. It is said that more robberies are committed at present than have been known in Hongkong's most degenerate days; and it is to be feared that an unusually large number of dangerous characters are now roaming about the Colony.

HONGKONG has been unusually gay with bunting to-day, even for a "Glorious Fourth." Flags fluttered everywhere, on shore and afloat; and the Commodore's flagship *Victor Emanuel*, besides being eloquent with streamers, stars and stripes, fired a salute in honour of the day which our American cousins are wont to celebrate. Among the more striking gay displays in the harbour were the U. S. S. *Ranger* and the O. & O. S. S. *Gaelic*, the American vessel being nearly buried in bunting, while the English steamer presented an elegant and arched sweep of streamers from stem to stern. All Her Majesty's men of war were dressed, and the Commodore's suburban retreat, perched as it is on the crest of the Gap ridge, shewed an upturned V. of parti-coloured flags on its tiny flag-staff. The U. S. Consulate was "gay" with flags and visitors and patriotic wishes; while the *Ranger* was also visited by many friends during the afternoon. Most of the chief stores on the Fraya were decked in lively colours, and the P. & O. Flagstaff was well utilised in this respect. The *Gaelic* left on her voyage to the great country thus honoured, with all her trappings of rejoicing waving before the breeze, and it was really a fine sight to see her leave the Harbour in this festive style, dipping to the *Ranger*, the *Ava* and the *Victor Emanuel* as she steamed eastward.

CAPT. SCOTT, master of the British barque *Hylton Castle*, appears to have been very unfortunate during his present voyage. His Chief Officer, according to the evidence which the Captain gave before the Summary Jurisdiction Court on Tuesday last, has caused him no little anxiety, and some charts or cylinders, consigned to one of the Sugar Refinery Companies here, were broken, entailing a loss to the ship of \$200 or \$28 more than he received on account of freight for a much larger number. The Captain sought to make his Chief Officer responsible for a portion of this amount, viz. \$40 which would of course have cleared his ship of any actual

LOSS OF THE BRITISH BARQUE KNIGHT OF SNOWDON.

FINDING OF THE COURT.

The following is the finding of the Court of Enquiry which sat to investigate into the circumstances attending the loss of the above-named vessel:—

We find that the British barque *Knights of Snowdon*, Official No. 51,022, Charles Richardson, Master, number of whose Certificate of Competency (lost at the wreck) was 4075, was totally lost on a reef (marked on the chart by which he was navigating) about four miles to the northward and westward of Cape Santiago, in the Island of Luzon, Philippine Group, on the night of the 12th of June, while on a voyage from Newcastle, New South Wales, to Manila, with a cargo of coal.

We find that the Master, Charles Richardson, conducted the navigation of his ship in a negligent manner, in not ascertaining the position at any time on the day of the wreck, by means of cross-bearings of the land, which was visible at the time. That he also shewed want of judgment in shaping a course from an assumed position, that would take his vessel in dangerous proximity to a coast, which, according to the chart he was navigating by, was imperfectly known.

We also find that want of care and attention was shown on the part of the Chief Mate, Alexander Walker Scott Thomson, No. of whose certificate is 18,217 (whose watch it was at the time of the wreck) in not maintaining a better look-out, as, had he done so, the Court is of opinion that the broken water would have been seen in sufficient time to prevent the loss of the vessel.

The Court therefore adjudge that the certificate of the Master be suspended for a period of three months from this date, and that the certificate of the Chief Mate be suspended for a similar period.

Given under our hands, this 27th day of June, 1878.

(Signed) C. MAY,
First Police Magistrate.
J. P. McEUEN, Esq.,
Acting Harbour Master, &c.
N. J. EDE,
Unofficial Justice of Peace.
ROBT. MC MURDO,
Government Marine Surveyor.
JAMES G. SELKIRK,
Com. Brit. ship *Sarah Nicholson*.
Confirmed
(sgd.) J. POPE HENNESSY,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE SHEK-O MURDER CASE. To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, July 3 1878

SIR.—Although Juries may think it scarcely worth the trouble, in the case of a Chinaman, to make a show of rising and for the sake of decency to pretend that the question whether a Chinaman accused of murder shall be declared guilty or not deserves careful consideration, I put the question to you and through you to the public, "how would the man have been treated, had he been an Englishman?"

Had the miserable fellow who has been sentenced to death been an Englishman, it would have been allowed an Attorney, weeks before the trial, to prepare his defence carefully, and at the trial every contradiction the principal witness against him involved herself in would have been brought forward in the strongest possible manner to discredit the value of her whole evidence. But here this poor man is dragged out of jail, the jacket in which he was arrested, still soaked in blood, is thrown over him, the preliminaries of the trial begin, and whilst the Barrister appointed for his defence is robing he has just five minutes to explain through an Interpreter what the Barrister happens to ask him in order to get up something like a defence. Then the principal witness, who was regularly married since the murder took place, makes statements which nobody in Court had taken the slightest trouble to prove or disprove in inquiry about her personalia, though she represents herself a widow whilst being another man's wife. The Judge says "her testimony bore the stamp of truth as there was nothing to show but what she was merely going to Kowloon with her sister to get some rice." But if the poor man had been an Englishman inquiries would have been made and it would have been shown that it was a regular elopement, she was going to be married to a man in Third Street, Saiving-poon, that the wretched prisoner, bold with love and jealousy, did not know what he was doing and that was the explanation of "the singular fact that, after the deed, he was little anxious to make his escape." What a sensational case it would have been made of, if the poor man had been born an Englishman! He would have been proved to have been temporarily insane. The idea of "malice," in the case of an decent life, this would have been excused by Judge and Jury, and, in my humble opinion, he would have been found guilty of manslaughter but not of murder. And then witness the Solomon's wisdom of the Judge—"she had taken nothing with her but a couple of baskets"—as if the whole property of thousands of Chinese families here could not, in the case of each family, be comfortably arranged in a couple of baskets; after all as important to that family as a couple of wagon loads to an Englishman. No thorough search even appears to have been made for the missing gun-cutting knife! The man is declared guilty and sentenced to death in double quick time, for he is only a Chinaman, and when the Governor for reasons of his own hesitates to sign the death warrant a "juro" comes forward with the bowl of a baked bloodhound—a fine specimen indeed of a modern "Christian gentleman."

Yours, &c.
RATTLE THE BONES.

THE BORNEO CESSION OF TERRITORY.

The following extracts from the London correspondence of the Ceylon Observer form the latest utterances upon this subject and are of some interest:—

"I have several times named to you the impression which exists in official quarters that any attempt to give British official recognition and protection to the Borneo land scheme would involve this country in disputes and difficulties with the several foreign powers who have possession in that quarter of the world, and I named in my last, the view taken of the concessions

granted by the Sultans by the Government of the Netherland Indies. In connection with this subject, I notice that the *Times* contains a telegram from Paris which says that the Manila papers allege that an English trading company, in accord with the Sultan of Borneo, have hoisted the British flag on the Island of Sunda-Kan, and that the Spanish press expresses disapproval at this proceeding. Of course our Government could, if it were so minded, afford to disregard all such feeling; but I am confident that it is not so minded. I feel sure, also, that there is no strong a feeling in England against the so-called annexation policy—even that of the Transvaal, although forced upon us by circumstances and necessity, evoking much hostile comment—that our Government cannot afford to disregard the feelings which would almost certainly be expressed against governmental recognition of the new scheme. Everything seems to me to indicate the failure of the application to our Ministry, and I therefore trust residents in Ceylon who have it in contemplation, as I hear some have, to invest in the land obtained under the concessions, will listen to the advice of the high authority I sent you and wait for the result of that application before rashly embarking capital in the new enterprise."

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"Being anxious to learn how matters were progressing with reference to the Borneo Land Scheme, in which I know many of our readers take a great interest, I made some enquiries at the Colonial Office respecting it, and was told that, in consequence of the Governor of Labuan, who is of course under the orders of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, being also Consul General of Borneo, and, in that capacity, subject to the direction of the Foreign Office, any decision upon the question would have to rest with the latter department; though, of course, the Secretary of State for the Colonies had been consulted, and that it was more than probable that the decision of the Minister for Foreign affairs would be based upon the advice which he would receive from his colleague of the Colonies. From an independent source I learned that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's decision had been practically come to, and that it was almost entirely in accord with the views of the gentleman whose statements made to me on this subject I communicated to you in my letter of a few days back. It is, therefore, I consider, almost certain that the British Government will decline to give to the scheme the assurance of its approval, recognition or active support; and, in that case, I do not see how British capital can be safely embarked in such an undertaking as is contemplated. The opposition which my friend considered likely to be evoked by the measure from foreign Governments has already shown itself both in the case of Spain and Holland, and the Spanish newspapers are writing strongly against the presumed action of our Government in the matter. It appears that, unfortunately, the Acting Governor of Labuan and Consul General for Borneo was present at the signing of the concession, and although he asserts he was there only to watch the proceedings and in no way to express concurrence in them, still it is not recorded that he made any protest, and, naturally, his presence has been interpreted by foreign Powers, and probably also by the Commissioners, as indicating his approval.

I hear that both Baron Overbeck and Mr. Dent will arrive in England some time next month or early in July. I feel sure they must abandon the claim to sovereign rights, or find the whole plan fail through.

As a commercial enterprise alone, they are not likely to encounter opposition; but the Government will never consent to a step which would practically amount to annexation by this country."

With regard to the opposition of Holland to the scheme, which is alluded to in the above extract, the Amsterdam correspondent of the *London and China Express* states, that in the second chamber on the 20th May, the following interpellation took place:—

"Mr. Lenting brought another matter forward. The papers told us—he said—that negotiations had been opened between certain Baron Von Overbeck and one of the Princes of Borneo to enable an English company to obtain possession of the entire north-western part of Borneo, just as Sir James Brooke organised a settlement on that island in 1858; he wished for information. As to the last-named matter, the Minister stated that what occurred in Borneo had nothing to do with our Government. It is no part of our dominion. If the settlement is successful it will be rather to our profit."

THE JAPANESE FENCING.

A famous company of professional fencers were performing at Yokohama while I was there, and we went to see them along with several English residents, who had been many years in the country, but had never witnessed a similar exhibition. The fencers were encased in armor, and were distinguished from each other by the color of their armours; their appearance was heralded by the blast of a conch shell, and all their proceedings were superintended by a handsome young man attired and shaven in the most orthodox style. Wielding his fan like a marabah's truncheon he set the combatants upon each other, and separated them, with loud exclamations; it was clear that he believed thoroughly in his own office, and discharged it with as great punctilio as if the bamboo had been sharp swords and the combat at variance. At each corner of the arena sat a judge with all the dignity of a Roman senator, motionless and silent until he retires upon a doubtful point of order. Officers are interchanged so rapidly that it is often hard to say who had dealt the successful stroke. The weapons are long bamboo in both hands like quarterstaff, and any sort of blow above the waist is permissible, but the favorite is a good crack on the top of the helmet. Occasionally the combatants get too near together for striking, and the struggle becomes literally hand to hand until they are separated; notwithstanding their savage yells and fierce blows, they preserve the perfect good-humor characteristic of their race. By way of variety there was a fight between the sword and the "morning-star," a sphere fastened by a cord to a spiked handle. Although the latter appeared to be the inferior weapon, its bearer did not come badly off, as he played the part of a retainer with the ball and string, and when at close quarters brought his sharp hook into active operation. Two girls, elegantly attired in the wide sleeves and trousers of Japanese knight, attended by female squires to arm and equip them, took their places on opposite sides of the lists, and went through the motions of a fight,

one having a halberd and the other a couple of swords. Finally, another Amazon had a duel with a male antagonist, and completely overthrew him; but this was a more burlesque, as he evidently tumbled over on purpose, and behaved like the clown in a pantomime, whereas an air of stern reality pervaded the other mimic battles. It is remarkable that the Japanese are able to derive an enjoyment from performances which involve no peril to life or limb, and if their public spectacles differ in this respect from those of the Roman amphitheatre, they may also compare favorably with many which find favor in the eyes of the British public.—Sir David Wedderburn.

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THE JAPANESE SILK SEASON.

(Japan Mail.)

On the 20th June the first of the new crop of Silk, consisting of four bales, arrived in Yokohama and was purchased by an English firm at \$49 per picul, equal to the exchange of 4/- to 17/- per lb. in London and at £1s. 6d. equal to £49 per kilo, in Lyons, including all charges and an allowance of 14 per cent for loss of weight.

The opening price for the season was therefore not \$325 as widely reported, but is nevertheless too high to serve as a criterion for the operations of native dealers in the up-country markets if they would be on the side side, as this parcel consisted of Silk from the Hachijo district, being mixed and full in size, and of medium quality. As is usually the case in this market, buyers do not hesitate to pay a few more dollars than they would actually estimate the Silk to be worth, in order to secure the chance of shipping two or three bales at the first price of the season, but in a few days larger parcels of Jōshū Silk will be offered on this market, and we shall know the true figures on which buyers intend to base their operations. Yesterday 7 bales of

Old Malwa, cash, £612 a bale
Old Patna, cash, — credit, —
New Benares, cash, 580 a bale
Old Benares, cash, None
New Malwa, cash, 802 a bale
Allowance Tolls, 12 d 18
Old Malwa, cash, — credit, —
Allowance Tolls, —
OAMPHOR, 18.40 a bale
QUICKSILVER, 62.50 a bale
SALTPIRE, 6.25 a bale

Exchange.

Bank, on demand, 3/9
" 30 days' sight, 5/10
" 6 months' sight, 3/10
Credite, " 6 months' sight, 3/10 a bale
Documentary, 6 months' sight, 3/10 a bale
Bombay, demand Rupees, 226
Calcutta, 226
Shanghai, demand, 724
" 30 days' 73
Bar Silver, 17, dwt. B., 94 1/2
Byce, 8 1/2 p.m.
Mexican, 26
Gold Leaf, 5.16
English sovereigns, 5.16
Australian sovereigns, 5.16
Discount, 8 to 9 %

Shares.

Longkong Bank, 71 1/2 prem.
Union Inv. Society of Canton, \$1,300
Ota Tweder's Inv. Co., \$1,600
Yangtze Inv. Assoc. Tls. 675
Chinese Insurance Co., \$200, ex Int.
Orth. Chins. Ins. Co., 1,050
A. R. Fire Ins. Co., 1,775
China Fire Ins. Co., \$200
H. K. & W. D. Do. Co., 11 1/2 prem.
H. K. C. & M. S. Do. Co., \$4 dis.
Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 21
Hongkong Gas Co., \$90
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$60
China Sugar Refining Co., 40 % prem.
Chinese Imperial Loan, £107,100.
Do. of 1877, £106.

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Premises
Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, July 4, 1878.

BAROMETER	9 A.M. 29.972
Do.	1 P.M. 29.940
Do.	4 P.M. 29.900
Thermometer	9 A.M. 90
Do.	1 P.M. 91
Do.	4 P.M. 90
Do. (Wet bulb)	9 A.M. 80
Do.	1 P.M. 81
Do.	4 P.M. 81
Do. Maximum 91
Do. Minimum over night 84

Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.:

VESSELS TO ARRIVE
AT HONGKONG.

When	Name	From
Oct.	18, Oscar,	Hamburg
Nov.	3, Elizabeth Shields,	Hamburg
Dec.	1, Glengaber,	Flushing
25, G. B. S.,	Liverpool	
Jan.	18, Elvetic,	Cardiff
27, Earl of Devon,	Antwerp	
Feb.	7, Normanh.,	London
22, Elvetic.,	Penarth	
Mar.	3, Prince Amadeo,	Cardiff
9, Mabel Clark,	Liverpool	
12, Josephus,	Penarth	
13, Penrith,	London	
14, Hertie Bigelow,	Flushing	
15, Landseer,	Liverpool	
19, Alice D. Cooper,	Penarth	
20, S. Vaughan,	Cardiff	
28, Oracle,	Liverpool	
29, Manila II,	Cuxhaven	
30, Bristolian (s.),	Antwerp	
April.	6, Maritime Union,	

Notices of Firms.

REUTER'S TELEGRAM COMPANY, LIMITED.
HONGKONG AGENCY.
ON and after JUNE 1st, Mr. W. H. NOTLEY will conduct this Agency until further notice.
By Order, STANLEY COPE, Agent, Hongkong, June 29, 1878. jy6

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, March 8, 1878. se8

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ARTHUR CHARL in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.

Hongkong, June 13, 1878. del3

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. S. J. DAVID in our Firm at this Port, and in China, CEASED on the 31st December, 1875.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.

Hongkong, June 14, 1878. jy14

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSHILLES;

ALSO,
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND
PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 6th July, 1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S. AYA, Commander HERNANDEZ, with
MAILS, PASSENGERS, FREIGHT, and
CARGO, will leave the Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marcelline, and accepted in transit through Marcelline for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 8 p.m. on the 6th July, 1878. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUET, Agent.

Hongkong, June 24, 1878. jy6



STEAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean
Ports, Southampton, and London;

ALSO,
Bombay, Madras, and Calcutta.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship TEHERAN, Captain A. JOHNSON, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 13th July, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to A. LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, June 29, 1878. jy13

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CHINA will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, the 17th Instant, at 8 o'clock p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT on regular rates is granted to OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY, AND MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISION.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., of 16th Instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 8 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Colonial Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 2, 1878. jy7

Intimations.

AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER,
by appointment, to
H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,
H. E. ADMIRAL ALFRED P. RYDER
and to
H. L. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS
OF RUSSIA.

HAS on hand the Largest and Best collection of Views of China, Photographs of the Ruins and destructions at Canton, caused by the Tornado of the 11th Instant. Coloured Photographs of English Ladies, Russia Leather, Velvet, Morocco, and Carved-wood. Photographic Albums; Scrap Books, Armorial Monograms and Postage Stamp Albums; Frames and Cases, Gilt Moulding for Frames, all of assorted sizes, tastes and prices.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

The above has the pleasure to inform his numerous Customers and the Public of Hongkong, that his Photographic Establishment is REMOVED to the Newly-erected Commodore Building in Queen's Road Central, next to Messrs SANDER & Co.'s.

Hongkong, April 29, 1878.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS.
CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF LIGHT-
HOUSE OIL.

Hongkong, May 10, 1878. col

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